

SCDHHS Mandatory Use of SCRIPTS

Beginning April 1, 2016, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will require Medicaid providers to consult with South Carolina Reporting & Identification Prescription Tracking System (SCRIPTS) before issuing a prescription for any Schedule II through IV controlled substance.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I sign up to access SCRIPTS?

To sign up to access the SCRIPTS database, go to <https://southcarolina.pmpaware.net/login> and click the "Create an Account" link. A tutorial for the registration process is available at http://www.appriss.com/product-documentation/PMPA_Tut_Registration_Process_V1.pdf.

2. Is the program free?

Yes, there is no cost for providers to access SCRIPTS.

3. What are the documentation requirements?

Providers must maintain documentation that the SCRIPTS database was verified before the issuance of a Schedule II through IV controlled substance prescription. This documentation may take the form of a notation in the member's medical record. If a provider's electronic medical record (EMR) automatically downloads SCRIPTS data and makes that available to the provider at the point of care, a notation for each patient is not required.

4. What if SCRIPTS is unavailable?

The SCRIPTS website is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the unlikely event that technical difficulty prohibits access to SCRIPTS, a notation should be made in the member's medical record that SCRIPTS was unavailable.

5. Does the SCRIPTS mandate apply to Medicaid members in nursing facilities?

No. The exemption for cases where a controlled substance is administered by a health care provider is intended to exempt this requirement when a provider is treating a Medicaid member who resides in a skilled nursing or assisted living facility.

